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It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended three (3) months from January 3, 2002 to April 3, 2002 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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